

# Traffic deaths predicted to increase Labor Day weekend

The N.C. State Motor Club is projecting a holiday traffic death toll of 16 persons during the 78-hour Labor Day Weekend which begins Friday, August 31 at 6 p.m. and ends Monday, September 3 at 12 midnight.

The 1984 prediction compares with a total of 14 deaths and 798 injuries during the 1983 Labor Day holiday.

"Labor Day is the holiday which ends the summer vacation season and signals the return to normal routines for families, which means

school for the youngsters and concentrated work for the parents," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club stated. Frazier says the Labor Day weekend statistically, is the third most deadly weekend of the seven holidays during the year, exceeded

only by Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are many elements that affect road accidents: weather conditions, drivers inattentiveness, mechanical defects of the car and alcohol, but the most important element is speed. According to

Frazier, there will be exceptions to the rule but by and large, speeding due to the impatience of the driver attempting to arrive at his destination, and his inadvertence of how fast he is going, is the number one cause of interstate accidents.

"With speed continuing to creep

up, and playing a leading roll in the higher death toll, it is vitally important that each driver obey the 55 mph speed limit," Frazier stated. "As speed increases, fewer and fewer drivers are able to handle a car safely and stop within the distance available," he continued.

## Deaths & Funerals

### Wilmer O. Hendrix

Wilmer Oscar Hendrix, 75, died Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday by Revs. William Gregg and Rev. Russell Knoles at Sandy Grove Methodist Church.

Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Survivors are two sons: John Robert Hendrix of Red Springs and Donald Hendrix of Raeford; two brothers: Brown Hendrix and Dewey Hendrix both of Raeford and one grandchild.

The family was assisted by Crumpler Funeral Home.

### Allison Harris

Allison Lloyd Harris, 59, died Wednesday morning in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel by Ted Stephens and Don Raper.

Burial was in Marcus Church Cemetery in Richmond County.

Survivors are three brothers: Kenneth Harris of Whiteville, Bill Harris of Fayetteville and Ted Harris of Fayetteville; two sisters: Mrs. Eunice Faulkner of Hope Mills and Mrs. Odell Ray of Route 4, Raeford.

The family was assisted by Crumpler Funeral Home.

### Col. William L. Seals

A memorial service was held for Col. William Lester Seals, retired, on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Seals, who was born in Wagram and lived in Hoke County much of his life, died in Austin, Texas on August 18. He would have been 64 on August 21.

The memorial service was conducted by George Chaney. He was assisted by Sam Morris.

Seals is survived by his wife Betty B. Seals of Austin and by seven children: William L. Seals Jr., Susan Seals Keller, Dr. David L. Seals, Ann M. Seals, Phillip K. Seals, all of Austin, John R. Seals of Lawton, Oklahoma and Paul A. Seals of Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren; a sister: Lois Collins of Raeford; two brothers L.B. Seals of Raeford and Dr. Hilton Seals of Ashville.

### Ambrose Haynes

Funeral Services for Ambrose Haynes, 70, were held Sunday August 26 at 3 p.m. from Center Grove Baptist Church.

Rev. T.M. McDonald officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Haynes died on Tuesday August 21.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Aggie Nora Wade Haynes; his loving daughters: McLorene Haynes, Mrs. Luvie Gillespie, Mrs. Juanita McLean, Mrs. Delois Godwin, Mrs. Arnell Farmer, Miss Sheila Haynes, Mrs. Ernestine McNeill, Mrs. Bobbie Doby; Sons: Thomas Bailey, Alphonso Haynes, and Johnny Bratcher; three sisters: Mrs. Cenell Lane, Mrs. Mildred Custalow and Mrs. Patricia Stubbs; thirty-two grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, seven sisters-in-law, four-brothers-in-law, three daughters-in-law, four sons-in-law, neices and nephews.

Buie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Paul McNeill

Funeral Services for Paul McNeill Jr., 36, will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. from McCormick Chapel Baptist Church. Rev. D. Caldwell will be officiating.

Burial will be in Center Grove Cemetery.

His survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Addie M. McNeill of the home; Miss Barbara McNeill of the home; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Maynor of Raeford; two brothers, Larry D. McNeill of Raeford and Willie H. McNeill of Southern Pines.

Buie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

McNeill died Sunday August 26.

### Ernest Allmond

Funeral services for Ernest Allmond, 93, who died Monday August 20 in Pennsylvania, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from Buie Funeral Home Chapel.

Buie Funeral Home was in charge.

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